

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

UNSAFE HEARING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Unsafe Hearing Board of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. In the absence of Mayor Pavey, Board Member, Gary Cameron called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Board members, Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Ron Jarman, and Dr. John Williams answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

MINUTES: Jarman made a motion to approve the August 4, 2015 minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Adoption of Demolition Guidelines** – Cameron said the corrections have been made. He suggests tabling until the next meeting.
2. **Blight Elimination Program** – Chief Jenkins said this has been rescheduled for September 3rd bid opening and an award date of September 15th.
3. **1226 Baker Street** – Jenkins showed recent pictures. Not much has been done. He has received some weed complaints. The weeds have been knocked down in the front. He has also leveled some of the dirt from the new sewer line. Newhouse is preparing paperwork to file in court within the next couple of weeks. Mohler is now 306 days of non-compliance.
4. **127 W 7th BEP** – The structure has been removed by the Street Department and leveled out.
5. **823 W 7th** – The property is now in the City's possession. It will be assessed for BEP.
6. **821 N George (BEP Pending)** – Newhouse is preparing a deed to the City. Wells Fargo has said they would release liens. Only one has been released, one is remaining. Jenkins said we hope to move to BEP or revitalization.

7. **415 W 9th** – Chief Jenkins said he sent information to the owner as to what deems a building unsafe. Nothing has been done to the structure. The certified mail for a hearing today was not accepted. Newhouse suggested giving service by police or sheriff regarding a hearing. Williams made a motion to serve notice of hearing by sheriff or police. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. **117 Gosnell Ave (BEP Phase I), 734 N Morgan Street (BEP Phase I), 719 N Willow (BEP Phase I)** – Bids will be received September 3rd and will be let September 15th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **620 W 2nd** – Chief Jenkins said he has had a complaint regarding trash, rodents, and vermin at the old PSI building. He sent notice June 25th by regular mail and asked them to clean up the property. On July 28th notice was sent by certified mail. It was signed for on July 31st. The dumpster is still there and nothing has been done. Jarman said it is due to be sold within 45 days. Williams made a motion for the Chief to make verbal contact to see what he can find out. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **215 E 8th** – Jenkins said he received a complaint on grass. When he went to investigate the matter he noticed the back door was open. He said no one lives there. The Street Department mowed and boarded up the door. Notice was sent and returned. Jenkins then posted notice on the property. He said he would like to move this to and unsafe structure. Newhouse suggested publishing in the paper. Cameron said it appeared in the pictures that the electric meter has been pulled? Jenkins said there is no electric. He will set for a hearing.
3. **129-141 W 2nd** – Jenkins said this is the former Durbin and the roofing is displaced. He spoke with the owner and they have temporarily fixed the issue. They will move to a permanent fix. Jenkins will send a letter that the building needs inspected before anyone can occupy the building. Will be meeting September 8th regarding the time period a building can be empty and if there is a time period that it must be inspected to determine if it is up to code.
4. **414 N Harrison** – We have been asked by the bank if City is interested in taking the property. Jenkins said it is not in too bad of shape. He said we may be able to move it to revitalization. The bank has offered to give us \$7,500.00 to take the building, but they want an answer tomorrow. Williams made a motion to accept the offer made by the bank. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; Jarman made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.